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SUBJ: POLITICAL BOMBINGS AND EUROPEAN SOCIALIST MEETING

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1. POLITICAL VIOLENCE: TWO PREDAWN BOMB EXPLOSIONS MARCH 5 IN OPORTO BROKE MONTH LONG LULL IN POLITICAL VIOLENCE. BOMBS DESTROYED TWO CARS, ONE OF WHICH BELONGED TO ULTRA LEFTIST MILITANT ACCORDING TO CONSULATE SOURCE. NO INJURIES REPORTED. COMMENT: EXPLOSIONS WERE ALMOST SIMULTANEOUS IN WIDELY SEPARATE LOCATIONS SUGGESTING THAT ORGANIZED BOMBERS ARE BACK ON THE SCENE.

2. EUROPEAN SOCIALIST MEETING: TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR MEETING OF EUROPEAN SOCIALISTS IN OPORTO (REFTEL) WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY IN LOCAL PRESS. MEETING WILL BEGIN WITH MARCH 13 CRYSTAL PALACE RALLY AND INCLUDE MARCH 14 WORKING SESSION OF THE "COMMITTEE FOR THE DEFENSE OF DEMOCRACY IN PORTUGAL," PRESS CONFERENCE AND DINNER AT STOCK EXCHANGE BUILDING. PRIME MINISTER PINHEIRO DE AZEVEDO IS EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE DINNER. SOCIALIST PARTICIPANTS MAY ALSO CALL ON PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES IN LISBON MARCH 15.

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3. COMMENT: LOCAL SOCIALIST (PS) SOURCES SAY THAT MEETING

IS STRICTLY ORGANIZED BY LISBON PS HEADQUARTERS. OPORTO GERMAN
CONSUL TOLD ME THAT LISBON AMBASSADORS OF RESPECTIVE PARTICIPANTS
ARE BEING URGED TO ATTEND OPORTO GATHERING FOR FURTHER
INTERNATIONAL EFFECT. MEETING WILL UNDOUBTEDLY RESULT IN CHARGES
OF "ELECTION INTERFERENCE" PARTICULARLY FROM POPULAR DEMOCRATIC
(PPD) CIRCLES WHICH HAVE MOST TO LOSE. PENNER

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